

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Claims 1-15, for examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Claims 1-15 (Group I), drawn to a method, and Claims 16-23 (Group II), drawn to a feature. Applicants have cancelled claims 16-23 without prejudice and reserve the right to seek patent protection for the subject matter of those claims. Claims 24-31 have been added and are drawn to a method of using a feature in a photoresist layer. No new matter is added.

Claims 16-23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 24-31 are being added.

This amendment adds claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-15 and 24-31 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit

Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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